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FEDERAL GRAND JURY CRIMINAL INDICTMENTS ANNOUNCED

David E. O'Meilia, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, announces the results of the May 2008 Federal Grand Jury.

The following named individuals have been charged with a federal crime or crimes by the return of an indictment by the Grand Jury. The return of an indictment is a method of informing the defendant of alleged violations which must be proven in a court of law beyond a reasonable doubt to overcome the defendant's presumption of innocence.

<u>Nicholas Joseph Gibson.</u> Possession of Stolen Firearms, Unlawful User of Controlled Substance in Possession of Firearms. Gibson, age 22, of Tulsa, was allegedly found with a number of stolen handguns and rifles in his possession on March 5, 2008, while being a user of unlawful drugs. He faces an additional count of having a shotgun and ammunition in his possession on April 28, while being a user of unlawful drugs.

<u>Christopher Charles Blackbourn.</u> Possession of Stolen Firearm, Unlawful User of Controlled Substance in Possession of Firearm. Blackbourn, age 21, of Tulsa, was allegedly found with a stolen .40 caliber pistol in his possession on March 5, 2008, while being an unlawful drug user.

<u>Katherine Carroll.</u> *Misapplication of Financial Institution Funds.* The defendant, age 44, while serving as a bank officer at the Drumright branch of Spirit Bank allegedly embezzled \$20,145 from the bank on October 18, 2006.

<u>James Ishmel Hayes.</u> False Statement to a Federal Agency, Causing a Criminal Act. The defendant, age 44, of Broken Arrow, is charged with making false statements to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) between September 2005 and February 2006, claiming that Hurricane Katrina caused damages to his purported rented residence in New Orleans. As a result of his claim, he received over \$6,000 in benefit payments from FEMA. The indictment alleges that Hayes did not rent property or reside in New Orleans at the time of the hurricane and he did reside in Oklahoma.

Sybil Lynn Hayes. False Statement to a Federal Agency, Causing a Criminal Act. The defendant, age 41, of Broken Arrow, allegedly made false claims to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) between September 2005 and April 2006, claiming that Hurricane Katrina caused damages to her residence and property in New Orleans. As a result of her claim, she received over \$27,000 in benefit payments from FEMA. The indictment alleges that Sybil Hayes did not reside in New Orleans at the time of the hurricane and she did reside in Oklahoma.

<u>Terry James Ruffin.</u> False Statement to a Federal Agency, Causing a Criminal Act. The defendant, age 52, of Tulsa, is charged with making false statements to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) between September 2005 and April 2006, claiming that Hurricane Katrina caused damages to his rented residence in Amite, Louisiana. As a result of his claim, he received \$2,000 in benefit payments from FEMA. The indictment alleges that Ruffin did not live in Louisiana at the time of the hurricane and he did live in Tulsa.

<u>Gary W. Hunt.</u> *Possession of Child Pornography.* Hunt, 66, of Pryor, was allegedly found in possession of picture and video files of child pornography on his home computer on June 20, 2007.

<u>Javier Chacon.</u> Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Firearm in Furtherance of Drug Trafficking Crime, Possession of Firearm and Ammunition by Illegal Alien. The defendant, age 21, is a Mexican citizen living in Catoosa. He was allegedly found in possession of a large amount of marijuana with the intent to distribute and a .380 caliber handgun and ammunition on April 10, 2008. The government is requesting forfeiture of his three vehicles, \$6,880 in cash, handgun and a flat screen television.

Rosendo Ybarra. *Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine*. The defendant, age 34, of Edinburg, Texas, is charged with possessing with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine on May 3, 2008.

<u>Jose Angel Gonzalez.</u> Distribution of Methamphetamine, Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine. Gonzalez, age 23, of Tulsa, allegedly sold 13.84 grams of methamphetamine in Tulsa on March 4, 2008. He is also charged with having the drug in his possession with intent to distribute on April 18, 2008.

<u>Joseph Ryan Jones.</u> Possess Firearm After Former Conviction of Domestic Abuse. The defendant, age 27, of Claremore, was allegedly found in possession of a .40 caliber handgun and ammunition on August 7, 2007, in Claremore. He has a previous misdemeanor conviction for domestic assault and battery in 2004 from Rogers County District Court.

<u>Richard Glen Simon.</u> *Possession of Firearm and Ammunition After Prior Felony Conviction.* The defendant, 43, of Prue, Oklahoma, is accused of having a .380 caliber handgun and ammunition in his possession in Prue on February 22, 2008. He has three previous felony drug convictions.

Sealed and Superseding Indictments

There were eight indictments returned by the Grand Jury this session that remain sealed. There were four superseding indictments: <u>Terry Brian Dobbs</u>, a child pornography case originally indicted in November 2007; <u>Cynthia Willard</u>, an embezzlement from Indian tribal organization matter originally indicted in April 2008; <u>Eduardo Carvajal-Mora</u>, a cocaine trafficking case originally indicted in March 2008; and <u>Charles Simms and Carlester Shaw</u>, a marijuana trafficking and gun possession case originally indicted in March 2008.